

VIV BUSBY PUSHES HIS 1968 GOAL TALLY UP TO 18

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Kingstonian 2

WITH TWO well-taken goals against Kingstonian on Saturday, Wycombe Wanderers' centre-forward Viv Busby brought his goal tally to 18 for 1968 established in 16 matches.

With driving rain making the pitch very heavy the later stages of this Isthmian League clash became more a test of stamina than football skills.

Kingstonian, with a number of former Brentford juniors in their side, streaked into the lead after only nine minutes with a slightly dubious goal. Leonard might well have been offside when he received a through-pass but carried on unchallenged to place his shot wide of Maskell.

The slippery surface made turning difficult and it was the defenders who suffered most in this aspect, although forwards found it equally hazardous trying to measure passes.

Worley found the conditions to 'keeper Overton with a not very fierce 25-yard drive which was gratefully pushed round a post.

In the 30th minute Wycombe were on level terms — a truly splendid goal coming from Busby. Merrick slotted over a powerful corner which found Worley lurking on the edge of the box. Instead of shooting, the winger chipped the ball into the six-yard box and Busby gave Overton no chance with a brilliant volley.

Four minutes later, Wanderers gained the initiative when Worley, Thompson and Horseman carved out an opening for Busby to head through Overton's hands and follow-up to tap home over the line.

his liking and he was soon causing plenty of headaches for the visiting defenders, once troubling

As has often happened this season slack marking at the back cost Wycombe another goal. Kingstonian launched a quick raid in the 42nd minute and Leonard crossed for McBryde to tap in a simple looking goal.

However, Wanderers soon regained command after only six minutes of the second period — a goal presented to them with the compliments of Overton.

The K's 'keeper had caught a cross and was in the process of throwing the ball clear. But, his weak throw only just reached Samuels, standing on the edge of the box, who headed across for Horseman to shoot low into the left hand corner.

GIFT GOAL

This gift goal appeared to drain a lot of the spirit from Kingstonian. As the match progressed, the conditions became worse, clearly hampering efforts to play open football.

Although Stuart Thompson, on occasions showed his inexperience in this clash of open competition, he was eager to be in the game, getting through a tremendous amount of work. On this display he clearly outshone his wing-half colleague Barry Baker, who at one stage appeared to have aggravated the ankle injury he received at Southall. After taking both his chances well, Viv Busby faded from the picture in the remaining 45-minutes, while Les Merrick looked far from happy all through the match.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; I. Rundle, C. Gale; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, S. Thompson; L. Worley, K. Samuels, V. Busby, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.

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WYCOMBE HAD to fight for their League double over Kingstonian. Kingston began brightly with a goal from centre forward Leonard after nine minutes. But strong half back play put Wycombe on top and Busby scored two goals in two minutes but left winger McBryde equalised just before half time. Horseman restored Wycombe's lead soon after the interval but later Wycombe attacks failed to beat the visiting defence. Just before the end Leonard missed a great chance to equalise.